# New Mexico Occupational Health & Safety

# FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-038

Accident Type:	Struck by
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry, Calm, Warm
Type of Operation:	Delivering water to well site
Size of Work Crew:	2
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	Yes
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	No
Training and Education Provided:	No
Employees Job Titles:	Driver
Age & Gender:	Male, 48
Experience at this Type of Work:	Years
Time on Project:	1 <sup>st</sup> day on job



# **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

A vacuum truck was loading used water from a well site to be delivered to an injection well for disposal. The truck driver was apparently on the cat walk of the truck and may have contacted the man-way lid on top of the truck. The lid blew off of the truck and struck the driver causing fatal injuries.

## **INSPECTION RESULTS**

No citation were issued. A hazard alert letter was delivered to the company advising them of the need to inspect, test and maintain the vacuum truck.

## **ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendations were made for conducting driver training and conducting pre-operation inspections of the vacuum trucks to ensure all components of the truck and tank are functioning and properly attached prior to operation.